

Board Meeting Highlights

March 25, 2009

Del Mar Union School District

225 Ninth Street • Del Mar, California 92014 • Phone (858) 755-9301

Members of the Governing Board:

Katherine White	President of the Board	Doug Perkins	Member
Steven McDowell	Clerk of the Board	Comischell Rodriguez	Member
Annette Easton	Member		

District Superintendent: Sharon McClain, Ed. D

BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item Number:

6.2 Approval of Consent Items

The Board unanimously approved Consent items on the March 25, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

8.3 Discussion/Board Approval, Appointment of 7/11 District Advisory Committee

The Board unanimously approved the formation of a 7/11 District Advisory Committee using an application process for selecting members of the committee with an application deadline to be a date prior to a TBD Special Board Meeting to be held before the end of April.

The purpose of the 7/11 DAC would be to secure community involvement and to assist in making the best possible judgment regarding every situation involving property or space in the District. The 7/11 DAC will meet to review pertinent information about the possible closure or reorganization of a school site or sites. The committee will consist of not less than 7 or more than 11 members represented by business community, teachers, community members, and parents. An application will be posted on the District's website Monday, March 30 for volunteers who would like to participate on the Committee. Submission of applications closes April 10.

The Board directed staff to shorten the timeline for the "Recommended Meetings and Hearings" in order to receive a recommendation from the Committee no later than July 30, 2009.

8.4 Board Approval, Increase in 2009/2010 Child Care Fees

The Board unanimously approved an increase in the 2009/2010 Child Care fees as follows:

- *Tuition rates for School Age Child Care will increase by 5%*
- *Tuition rates for Employee Child Care/Preschool increase by 10%*

8.5 Board Approval, Attendance at CSBA Masters in Governance Training

The Board approved on a 4-1-0 vote to approve attendance for Members McDowell, Rodriguez, White and Superintendent McClain to the Masters in Governance training.

The Masters in Governance program offered by the California School Boards Association equips board members and superintendents with the necessary knowledge and skills to support an effective governance structure. The program consists of nine sessions to be held in 2009 and 2010 at the San Diego County Office of Education.

BOARD DISCUSSION – NO ACTION TAKEN

Agenda Item Number:

8.6 2009/2010 Site and Grade Level Enrollment Caps

The Board received information on the 2009/2010 proposed site and grade level caps at all grades for Ocean Air, Sage Canyon and at Kindergarten for Del Mar Heights. This item will be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the April Board meeting.

10.12 State and Federal Stimulus Budget, Update

Federal Stimulus: It was reported that districts are advised NOT to budget any federal stimulus package funding until official notification of an allocation has been received.

State Budget: Districts are advised to include the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 fiscal years' information as it was adopted on February 19, 2009. As events unfold, the State may be required to amend the budget. Once a change is enacted, Districts should follow suit. Projected revenues are coming in lower than estimated. In June further cuts in State Funding are expected. Districts are being advised to budget for 09/10 based on the assumptions given in February.

10.13 Salary Savings When Combining Two Schools

At Board request, a scenario for combining two small schools was prepared and presented. The scenario analyzes the possible outcome if Del Mar Hills and Del Mar Heights were combined. The new combined enrollment and staffing were then compared to Sage Canyon's. In the scenario, there was potential for a savings of \$681,279. The Board directed staff to prepare a second scenario using two different schools that also represent a viable combination option with the expected savings.

10.14 Report on Potential Cost Savings for 2008/2009 School Year

The Board of Trustees received information about the bumping rights of ESC instructional assistants and blended classroom instructional assistants as well as a recommendation from District administration about proceeding with reductions in these positions. The Board listened to public input from DMUSD staff and parents in support of the blended classroom instructional aides. Supt. McClain recommended not moving forward with cuts in these areas for the 2008/2009 school year.

An audio recording and a detailed description of all agenda items are available at www.dmusd.org, - Board of Trustees - Board Meetings.